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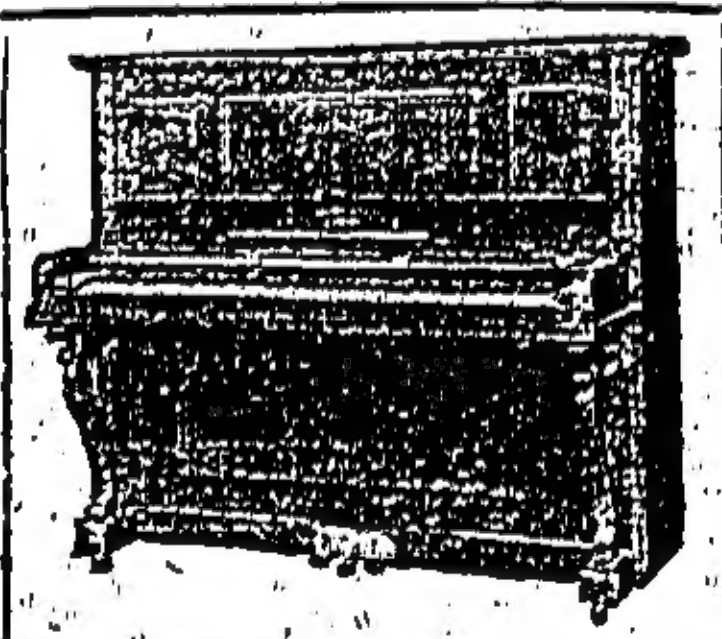
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NAVAL PAY INCREASED.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
The Admiralty has announced bonuses equivalent to minimum increases, and costing £4,500,000, pending the Committee's final conclusions on the pay revision. The increases for the navy and reserves range from a shilling a day for ordinary seamen to 6s. for captains and above; and for the Royal Marines, 1s. 6d. for privates to 5s. 6d. for lieut.-colonels, and 6s. for higher ranks.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR SCHEME.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
A communique from Paris says that Mr. Barnes has been conferring since January with prominent British trade-unionists and representatives of India and the Dominions on a draft scheme for the international regulation of conditions of employment. The scheme was closely examined and discussed, and the experience of all present at the conferences was freely placed at Mr. Barnes' disposal. Many valuable suggestions were made and full weight given to the views of organized British trade-unionism. The conferences concluded at noon. The draft scheme agreed upon will be submitted to the international commission on international labour regulation.

EMPIRE'S WAR DEBTS.

COMMISSION TO CONTROL.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
A scheme has been formulated by the Acting Commonwealth Premier, Mr. Watt, for the formation of an Empire Commission which will take over the control of all the Empire's War Debts. All the Dominions and Colonies would be duly represented on the commission. It would assume its financial position next December and would be empowered to convert the debt into common stock. Each Government would be liable only for its own obligations and would make an annual payment of at least five shillings per hundred sterling of the debt taken over, for interest, redemption, and interest on the distribution of costs. Additional loans with respect to the late war expenditure would be raised if necessary.

RUSSIAN TROOPS GOING HOME.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
A Copenhagen message reports that the large hospital ship "Rus" arrived en route to Reval with Russian troops from France, fully armed and equipped.

YPRES AS MEMORIAL.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
A Paris telegram states that the Belgian Government has decided to keep the ruins of Ypres as a memorial of the horrors of the war. The town will be rebuilt on a new site.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

AMOUNT OF BONUS.

LONDON, JANUARY 29.
The War Office announces that the British Armies at the date of the Armistice numbered 3 1/2 millions. Demobilization proceeds as rapidly as possible.

The War Office is retaining 900,000 as the Army of Occupation which will receive a weekly bonus. Privates will get 10/6 weekly, Non-commissioned Officers 12/3 to 14/-, and Officers 21/- to 42/-.

There will be five Armies of Occupation formed on February 1, some for the Rhine, Middle East and Far North India.

No soldier under 20 will be required to serve anywhere except at Home and in the Rhine Armies. It is believed that recruiting for the voluntary Army will improve as soon as the great mass who have fought return to civil life.

Upon the rebuilding of the Army depends the relief of territorial battalions in India and other distant stations.

U. S. IMMIGRATION BAR.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
The U. S. A. immigration bill excepts immigrants from Cuba, Mexico, Canada, and Newfoundland from prohibition.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

UNDESCRIBED VIEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
Today's communique from Paris says representatives of the Five Powers met twice today. The Polish delegates this morning made several statements on the Polish situation and Polish claims. In the afternoon the Czecho-Slovak delegates gave their views on the question of an industrial basin in Silesia between Bohemia and Poland.

GERMAN PEACE DELEGATES.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
An Amsterdam message says the German peace delegation will consist of Herr Scheidemann, Rantzau, Bernstorff, Erzberger and ex-vice-secretary Haussmann. Herr Scheidemann and Rantzau will participate only at the opening sittings, so the negotiations proper will be conducted by Bernstorff, Erzberger, and Haussmann.

A COMPROMISE.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
Well-informed American circles in Paris believe that the global difficulties will be solved by a system of mandates controlled by the league of Nations, thus internationalising the colonies as President Wilson desires, but simultaneously giving the mandatory nation complete liberty of action so long as it is in accordance with the principles of the League. It is understood this compromise was practically reached at yesterday evening's session of the council of the Great Powers.

GENERAL BOTHA HEARD.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
General Botha was heard at today's council of the Great Powers with regards to the German colonies.

AIR CONFERENCE.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
An air-conference meeting will be held shortly, comprising five Delegates each from France, Britain, Belgium, the United States, and Italy, in order to frame proposals for submission to the peace conference regarding the regulation of air navigation.

THE AIR FORCE.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
The Press Bureau says Mr. Churchill has announced that the air-force on Nov. 11 numbered 30,000 officers and 265,000 men, of whom 1,742 and 51,727 respectively have been demobilised. It is intended to retain in the current year 6,500 officers and 75,000 men.

Pending an announcement of the strength and terms of service of the post-war air-force, weekly bonuses costing £3,000,000 annually will be granted, ranging from 10s. 6d. to 11s. 8d. for aircraft-men, 12s. 3d. to 21s. for non-coms, 21s. for flight cadets, and 24s. 6d. to 42s. for officers.

The Ministry of Labour announces that in view of the Government's decision regarding the constitution of the armies of occupation, no further applications for the release of pivots or others on special grounds can be considered.

LONDON MURDER CASE.

LETTERS FOUND.

LONDON, JAN. 29.
New light was thrown on the Seton shooting case when Lieut. Colonel N. C. Rutherford was brought up at the West London Police Court on the charge of wilful murder.

The Public Prosecutor read a remarkable series of recent letters written by Mrs. Rutherford to her husband. These had been found in the latter's bag. The letters were couched in moving and affectionate terms and reproached Rutherford with his behaviour towards her. In one letter she referred to his awful temper, and his frequent ill usage of her. Another showed she had tearfully resisted her friends' efforts to persuade her to sue for a divorce but that at a subsequent date she had decided to institute divorce proceedings. She had asked her husband to facilitate this in order to avoid publicity. The hearing was adjourned.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SPAIN.

MADRID, January 29th.
In the Chamber, the Catalan leader, Signor Cambo, opposed the Government's autonomy Bill and claimed sovereignty, not decentralisation.

DEMOCRATIZATION.

SPEEDING IT UP.

LONDON, January 29th.
Reuter understands that demobilisation is proceeding more rapidly, and more smoothly.

During the past fortnight over 35,000 were being demobilised daily, and it is hoped that the figure of 40,000 daily will soon be reached, and that all soldiers who were serving in January, 1918, will be automatically released.

For the next nine months an Army of about 600,000 will be needed. The men retained will be those with the shortest service, but taking into account age and wounds.

The aim is to demobilise by year classes, releasing all over the age of 35. Among the commitments are the necessity of maintaining a moderate air-d army for the occupation of the Rhine, the upkeep of an adequate force in the United Kingdom for the purposes of internal order, the maintenance of a force in Ireland and the garrisoning of Palestine, Mesopotamia, the Crown Colonies and India.

It is impossible to build up a voluntary army for these commitments before the completion of demobilisation, but a good response to the volunteering appeals is anticipated by autumn.

There is no question of continuing conscription, but, as a preliminary to the creation of a volunteer army, about 25 per cent. of the present army must be retained in order to secure the full fruits of the Allied victory. These will be granted very substantially increased pay. New leave arrangements will be made. Employers will be asked to keep open the situations of those retained.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIST.

STOCKHOLM, January 28th.
A telegram from Copenhagen states that the Danish Government has informed the Bolshevist representative in Copenhagen that his presence is no longer desirable. He and the members of the Legation are returning home.

AMSTERDAM, January 29th.
A telegram from Vienna states that, under pressure from the authorities, the Russian War Prisoners' Commission, which was recently here and was mostly occupied in spreading Bolshevist propaganda, have left the city. Some of the leaders were arrested in Budapest and Prague at the request of the commanders of the Russian troops.

NORWEGIAN CLAIM.

STOCKHOLM, January 28th.
A Norwegian Steamship organisation has decided to demand indemnity from Germany for the sailors killed by submarines, and to refuse to assist in provisioning Germany until £200,000 is paid in this connection.

WOMEN SUFFRAGE IN FRANCE.

PARIS, January 21st.
A Havas message states:—
M. Millerand, the former French Minister of War, declared that he was in favour of women's suffrage, it being a lesson the war has taught. French women, having nobly replaced absent men, deserve a share in guiding the country's destiny.

U. S. STOPS GENERAL IMMIGRATION.

WASHINGTON, January 29th.
The Immigration Committee of the House of Representatives has approved the Bill prohibiting general immigration for four years after peace is signed.

RUMANIAN RISING.

VIENNA, January 29th.
A telegram from Budapest states that a Peasants' Revolution has broken out throughout Rumania. Systematic risings occurred simultaneously in all the villages on January 25th. Returned armed soldiers headed the insurgents and forced their way into the towns. Bloody encounters with the regular troops followed.

The fighting at Bukharest continued all day long on January 28th. The soldiers employed machine-guns, killing considerable numbers. The Social Democrats joined the revolutionaries.

GERMANY.

COPENHAGEN, January 29th.
An unofficial statement from Berlin states that the whole of the Western Army is being demobilized. Only 100,000 of the Eastern Army are not being demobilized. The demobilization of the troops in distant theatres is anticipated in February.

AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS FOR SOLDIERS.

LONDON, January 28th.
It is announced that the Government are prepared to provide a subsidy amounting to many millions sterling for the purpose of establishing small agricultural holdings for men discharged from the Army.

The local authorities will assist, but the country will bear the cost. The Bill referring to this scheme will be given the foremost place after the opening of Parliament.

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Hongkong, January 29, 1919.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS to this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS on TUESDAY 4th February, 1919, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the REPORT OF DIRECTORS together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from 11 o'clock a.m. on TUESDAY 4th February, 1919, (both days) during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be made.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
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Hongkong, January 21, 1919.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, February 7, 1919, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1918.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, January 29, 1919, to FRIDAY, February 7, 1919, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 8th day of February, 1919, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the following resolution will be proposed as an extraordinary resolution:

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz:—

"In Article 82 the word 'five' shall be substituted for the word 'four'."

The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of the Directors from 4 to 5.

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated 24th day of January, 1919.

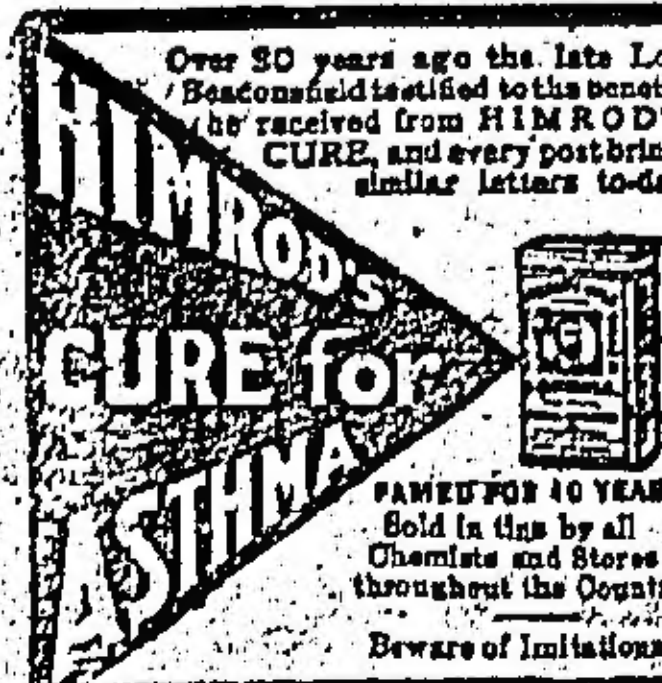
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, February 15, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1918.

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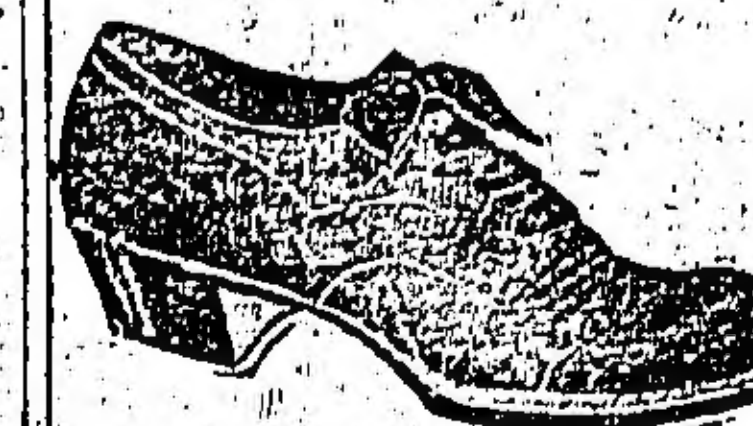
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It is in the convalescent camps that the authorities have particularly welcomed the teachers, who are all women. The measured steps of Sir Roger de Coverley, the liveliness of the jig, have been found to have a particularly beneficial effect on shell-shocked men, who are literally shaken out of their mind troubles by the strain of the simple old "airs to which generations of Englishmen who knew not the bunny-hug and two-step have danced.

For their dancing the men wear flannels, and the instructresses always take their white frocks with them. Perhaps the men will bring back with them from France a new-born love of the old dances, which will encourage a revival up and down the country.

ENJOY YOUR JOB?

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AN INVINCIBLE NATION.

Quaint ideas which the Abyssinians held with regard to the war were told by Mr. Arnold Hodson, British Consul in Abyssinia, to the Royal Geographical Society recently. An invincible nation in their own belief, they had no respect for European armies. "They think," said Mr. Hodson, "that the armies meet, and, at a certain hour, they all stop and have their luncheon, and that in the evening they stop again, so that they can go to sleep peacefully."

BRITISH LIBERALISM NOT DEAD.

"They have often said to me that had they been fighting in Europe they would have finished the whole thing in a day, or at any rate a couple of days. Europeans did not know how to fight. They are also convinced that their country is under the direct protection of the Almighty, and that they are unconquerable."

PHILIPPINE AUTONOMY.

Mr. Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine Senate, who arrived at Nagasaki by the "Fashini Maru," recently interviewed by a Ho Chi representative, said: "An arrangement was made with the American Government in 1916 that when the Philippines had completed preparations for the establishment of autonomous government it would be granted them. On this understanding we have been making all the necessary preparations for autonomous government, and as they have now been completed I am proceeding to Washington to consult the Government on the matter. The Filipino army has now reached 10,000 men and so they would be sufficient for ordinary purposes."

WHAT JAPAN MADE.

Introducing the Budget in the House of Representatives, Baron Tokutomi summed up the economic situation of Japan during the period of the war as follows: In four years the capital invested in industries had grown by Yen 5,000 million, nearly half of which had been actually "put up"; the deposits in the Banks had risen from Yen 2,000 million to Yen 6,200 million; the deposits in the Post Office Savings Banks from Yen 200 million to Yen 550 million; exports from Yen 5,010 million to Yen 14,150 million; other receipts abroad total 1,320 million; the national credit abroad had reached 2,780 million; and the reserves of the Bank of Japan, which before the war amounted to 450 million had been increased to Yen 1,580 million.

VERSAILLES MEETING.

England was represented at the Versailles armistice terms conference by but one Englishman, is the complaint of a contributor to "The Evening Standard," who has thereby started quite a "paper" controversy as to why England is not ruled by Englishmen.

The British delegates were: One Welshman, Lloyd George; one Scotch Canadian, Borden; Law; one Hebrew, Lord Reading; four Scotchmen, Balfour, Geddes, Haig, Wemyss; one Englishman, Lord Milner.

England, says this writer, contributes 70 to 80 per cent. of the men in the British army, 90 per cent. of the British navy and about 90 per cent. of the war expenditure. What is the reason?

The inquiring contributor started something. Reasons galore pour into the newspaper offices.

One correspondent tells the story of a Glasgow business man who made his first business visit to London. He was asked on his return what he thought of the Englishman as a business man.

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Backing out is not exactly the correct term, for they attempted to run away with the whole outfit, machine, socks and all except the empty house.

Unfortunately for them Ku Tse-chen returned to his empty factory in time to discover the coup. He caught Koo Wen-wo and, later on, found Wu Puh-hung with the assistance of the police. The machines, stock of the police. The machines, stock and other articles were found in a certain hotel. Koo and Wu are now discussing their next plan, in the not too comfortable jail of the local Procuratorate in the native city.

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Perhaps we were wrong in suggesting that the penalties inflicted

They have a smart watchman at the Hongkong Hotel, Notice that an officer of the a.s. "Hong Be" who drove up, in a ricksha wore a gold ring, he also noticed that wasn't on his finger after the lucker had paid the coolie. He got a lucker to search the coolie, who had that ring in a purse. The officer has gone off with his ship meanwhile and the Police don't know his name. So the case is remanded for a week, the coolie being let out on bail.

The results of the public examinations were on the whole satisfactory. Out of 31 candidates who entered for the Preliminary Oxford Local in 1917, 26 passed, one with honours.

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Leung Wah Ping, Anthony
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NAVY PAY INCREASED.

We are gratified to be able to announce that the Admiralty has approved of a substantial increase of pay to the "Silent Navy." All ranks participate in the increase from Boy to Admiral of the Fleet, we understand, and for the time being is given as a bonus until such time as increases of pay generally are finally decided upon. That the increase is well deserved and no one can gainsay. No one would want to. We all love Jack, and if ever a bonus was deserved, this one is.

The increases include the following: Seaman 1s. a day, 1st class petty officer 2s., Chief Petty Officer 2s. 6d., Warrant Officer 4s., Lieutenant 5s., and so on on a graduating scale. We assume that something similar will be done for the Army whose increase of pay up to now has always been in the scope of pence.

The War Service pay granted to the Army was on a most meagre scale, 1d a day for each year of service since the outbreak of war, so that 4d is the maximum any rank can obtain.

We hope that corresponding increases for the Army will soon be announced. They too, deserve it. Since writing the above, Reuters has sent us a telegram on the same subject.

THE HONGKONG ICE CO., LTD.

An extraordinary meeting of this company was held to-day at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. for the purpose of completing the winding up of the company. There were present Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, who presided, Mr. R. M. Austin (secretary), Mr. A. B. Stewart and Mr. K. de C. Longmire.

The terms of the agreement have now been fully performed, and the Chairman moved that the account submitted to the meeting and showing the manner in which the winding up had been conducted, and the property of the Company disposed of, be received and adopted.

Mr. A. B. Stewart seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Chairman next moved that the books, accounts and documents of the Liquidators thereof be retained by the said Liquidators, they undertaking to destroy the same at the expiration of five years from the dissolution of the Company.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. K. de C. Longmire, and carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY.

The latest is a report from Kowloon City, that on the morning of Jan. 30 three armed men entered 123 Main Street and demanded money. All they got was \$3. When a hue and cry was raised, they took to their heels.

Enquiry to-day by "China Mail" reporters elicited no further data.

To point a moral for the Perak Government, which is troubled with armed robbers, a correspondent of the "Straits Echo" tells how in the old days the Hongkong authorities rooted them out. He adds: "And so Hongkong was cleansed of this scourge, and but for a sporadic outbreak now and then, the Colony is rid of these bad characters."

We don't think.

CHINESE DECORATIONS.

Quite a crop of Chinese orders have been bestowed recently. The following have been given authority to wear the orders granted to them: Order of the Excellent Cross, Third Class, Mr. William Ballard, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company; Order of the Excellent Cross, Fourth Class, Mr. Charles George Gordon Pearson, District Salt Inspector for Shantung; Order of the Striped Tiger, Fourth Class, Mr. Kenneth McEuen (Captain Superintendent of Police, Shanghai); Order of the Striped Tiger, Fifth Class, Mr. William Boyd Cooper (formerly of the Customs College, Peking).

Mr. J. R. Wood passed a heavy sentence on a thief who was arrested after snatching two bangles from a seven year old child. Mr. Wood remarked he was satisfied that the man came from the country with criminal intentions, and sentenced him to 12 months' hard labour and four hours' stocks. Twelve strokes with the birch were to be inflicted on the culprit at the expiration of the first six months' imprisonment.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

STRENGTH.
No. 870 Pte. A. W. Barton, "D" Company, is permitted to resign under Section 7 (2) of the Military Service Ordinance 1917, dated 23.1.19.

TRANSFER.
No. 547 Pte. A. W. Millar is transferred from "B" Company to "D" Company, dated 29.1.19.

LEAVE.
2nd Corp. T. Leeman, Engineer Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 1.3.19. Pte. J. R. Wood, "A" Company, is granted 9 months' leave from 7.3.19. Pte. D. E. Clark, "A" Company, is granted 12 months' leave from 7.3.19. Pte. A. Course, "D" Company, is granted 6 months' leave from 26.2.19.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

PARADES AT BELCHERS' BATTERY.

Tuesday, 4th February.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. All G. Co. Layers & D.R.Fs. 5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. All G. Co. Layers & D.R.Fs.

Thursday, 6th February.—5.15 p.m. Left Half Coy. Full drill.

Friday, 7th February.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full drill.

Sub-Calibre Practice for both half Companies as follows:—

Sunday, 9th Feb.—Morning. At Belchers.

Monday, 10th Feb.—Evening. At Pakshawan.

Full particulars will be issued later.

Orders for Engineer Company, by Captain W. Russell.

DUTIES.

Belchers—N.C.Os. and Sappers as notified by C.S.M. will parade for D.E.L. duty at Belchers Fort on Friday, 7th Feb., at 8 p.m.

Lyceum—N.C.Os. and Sappers as notified by C.S.M. will parade at Lyceum on Friday, 7th February at 8 p.m. and also on the following dates in February:—

10th at 6 p.m. (1st detail), (2nd detail at 9 p.m.), 12th at 6 p.m. (1st detail), (2nd detail at 9 p.m.), 19th at 6 p.m. (1st detail), (2nd detail at 9 p.m.).

KIT INSPECTION.

N.C.Os. and men who were absent from Kit Inspection on the 28th instant will parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, 4th February, at 5.15 p.m.

DRESS, full marching order with 150 rounds ammunition.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

Parades—N.C.Os. and men (as detailed by Captain H. W. B. Kennett, V.D.) who were attached to the Engineer Company except those who have completed their Annual Course or T.E.T. and Casuals (those who have not yet completed their T.E.T.) will parade on Thursday, 5th Feb., at 5.15 p.m. at Kennedy Road Range.

T.E.T. Grouping. Dress, Drill order without rifles. Officer in charge, Captain H. W. B. Kennett, V.D.

The following N.C.Os. will attend: Sgt. Edmonds and Sgt. Harvey.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.

Wednesday, 5th February.—4.15 p.m. Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 15, at King's Park Range for all N.C.Os. and men in No. 8 Platoon M. Gun Coy., Mounted Section and Signalling Section who have completed their T.E.T. (or are exempted from passing them) and have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches. Platoon etc. Commanders will see that every man who has to fire attends. Officer in charge, Lieut. Rees. Two N.C.Os. from No. 4 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

Friday, 7th February.—4.15 p.m. Part 3, Practices 15 and 16, at King's Park Range for N.C.Os. and men as above. Officer in charge, Lieut. Evan Jones. Two N.C.Os. from No. 6 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Thursday, 6th February.—5.15 p.m. at Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order.

"D" COMPANY.

Friday, 7th February.—5.15 p.m. No. 3 Section at Kennedy Road Range T.E.T. Grouping. Dress, drill order without rifles.

Orders for Cadet Company, by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Board.

PARADES.

Wednesday, 5th February.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Gun Club Hill Range.

G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps, Hongkong, 31st January, 1919.

NOTICES.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Members of the Corps interested in competition rifle-shooting, affiliation with the N.R.A., etc., are invited to meet at Headquarters on Wednesday, 5th February, 1919, at 6 p.m.

HOCKEY.

As the United Services Hockey League has now started, all members of the Corps who are willing to play are requested to send their names to Sapper G. H. Piercy, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., as soon as possible.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One case of bubonic plague is reported in to-day's return.

Mrs. Manuk, mother of the Secretary to the Dairy Farm Company, died last night, at No. 6, Moreton Terrace.

Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Pringle, D.S.O., R.F.A., formerly of Tientsin and one who took part in the siege of Tsingtau, has just taken up a War Office billet, being appointed a 1st grade General Staff Officer.

We are pleased to see that Lieut. A. Sykes, of the Hongkong-Singapore R.G.A., who was so badly injured in a motor car accident on the "Taipo Road" last month, is about again. Yesterday he was walking with the assistance of a stick, but with difficulty, as he has little use of his legs.

A popular officer of Hongkong in pre-war days, Major R. M. Crosse, R.G.A., has moved from a Staff Officer's to a G.S.O.'s 2nd grade, chair at the War Office. Major Crosse will be remembered for his amateur theatricals. "The Idol's Eye" and "The Cook" being two plays written and produced by him here.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Philip Farrell last evening at Happy Valley, the Taikoo Dockyard being fully represented. Messrs. Mitchell, Garraway, Kerr and Middleton were the bearers. The Dock and Refinery staffs sent wreaths, and there was a conspicuous tribute of flowers from numerous mourning relatives and friends. The "China Mail" reporter says they literally hid the coffin.

A Chinese who walked off without paying the waiter for his meal was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. He went to a restaurant at 162, Queen's Road yesterday, and ordered a rich repast. He had chicken and duck and stuffed pig's feet, and the other things. He made a hearty meal, sitting about three hours over it. When the bill had amounted to \$2.05, he took the opportunity when the waiter's back was turned to sneak out. But he was seen by the waiter and caught. Jail for 21 days.

It is supposed that Mr. S. H. Dodwell will be invited to take Mr. R. Sheehan's seat on the Legislative Council when Mr. Sheehan goes away in March. With regard to the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. Pollock as acting Attorney General it is understood that Mr. C. G. Alabaster has been persuaded to stand for election, as representative of the J.P.'s.

The "China Mail" has the best authority for saying that Mr. Alabaster will be opposed by Mr. H. W. Bird, who has had experience as substitute for Mr. Pollock.

SHANGHAI REVOLVER CLUB.

The annual report of the Shanghai Revolver Club shows that on account of the restriction on the export of ammunition from America, there were only four competitions held during the year. The All-comers' Championship, the Club's Championship, and the Ladies' Championship competitions had to be abandoned. The following members won the expert's medal and bars: Medals: A. F. Fuddicombe, S. B. Stevenson, E. W. Stagg, Mrs. J. E. Hargreaves. Bars: E. S. Capman, 2 bars and spoon. S. B. Stevenson, 1 bar. L. Kadoorie, 1 bar. Since the Club was formed in 1911, there have been 61 competitions held for the expert's medal and bar. Three members qualified for expert (special), 51 members qualified for expert, and 364 members qualified for marksman, which includes 8 lady experts and 31 ladies in the Marksman's Class. During the year 20 members also passed the preliminary test for the Marksman's Class.

The Club has three ranges either for service revolvers or miniature rifle shooting, and is lighted by electric light for night shooting. There is also an experienced instructor to teach beginners with the automatic pistol, revolver or rifle.

BRITISH BETTER SAMARITANS.

An American writes:—The following, which I take from a "News Bulletin" just received from New York, is one of the best I have seen on the British. It is by Dr. Samuel Zwerner, who paid recent visits to China:—

"If Jesus Christ were speaking to-day, He would not only speak of the good Samaritans, but He would also speak of the good Britisher, who, when He heard of the man who fell among thieves, left the man in the inn, and grided himself and went after the thieves and cleared the road to Jericho and made it safe for other travellers. I thank God, for what Great Britain has done in this war, and through this war, to establish righteousness and lay the foundations for liberty throughout the Near East."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.M.S.S. Co.'s, "China" sailed from Manila, January 30th, at 8 o'clock, and she will arrive here on Saturday, February 1st at 8 a.m.

"HEATHER DAY" FUND.

This fund, including the proceeds of St. Andrew's Fair, will approximately amount to £10,000, in connection with which a statement of Accounts will soon be published. For the disposal of this sum to best possible advantage, the Committee of St. Andrew's Society is now in telegraphic communication with Sir Charles Addis, of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, London, who has been associated with the distribution of these funds for some years past.

The Committee of St. Andrew's Society desires to record its grateful appreciation of the Services rendered by the Heather Day and St. Andrew's Fair Committees and to those who in loyalty co-operating, have achieved the excellent result recorded above. It would perhaps be superfluous to mention in detail the strenuous self-imposed labours of many members of the Society, and their lady friends, but the Committee nevertheless feels that it would not be justified in missing this opportunity of particularly mentioning the following:—

Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mrs. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Murray Scott for their untiring efforts in organising the Scottish Women's Stall and Raffle; Mrs. A. A. H. Milroy for designing and making many useful and ornamental souvenirs for sale; Miss Square for her general assistance and Messrs. G. K. Duncan, D. Keith, J. Simpson and G. H. M. Bannerman for their ingenuity and untiring energy. The yeoman work done by these gentlemen in connection with the Fair will long be remembered in the annals of that function.

Although the bulk of the work was performed by those of Scottish nationality, consequent upon Heather Day being solely a Scottish Day, the Committee was much gratified by the voluntary assistance of many other helpers, and it hopes that such ladies and gentlemen will accept this acknowledgment as a full appreciation of their valuable aid.

The Committee of St. Andrew's are specially indebted to the following list of firms and others, and where omissions have possibly occurred such are due to the anonymity of contributors, viz:—

H. E. the Officer, Administering the Government for opening the Fair.

The Government, the Naval and the Military Authorities for their general co-operation.

The Commander and Officers, H.M.S. "Kent," for Band.

Major H. A. Morgan and Officers, 18th Infantry, for Band.

Col. Passby and Officers, Hongkong & Shanghai R.G.A., for Pipes.

The General Post Office, for posting souvenirs etc., free of charges.

The Fire Brigade for standing by.

The Hongkong Police and Police Reserve for useful assistance.

The "Stunts" for proceeds of Performance and assistance at Cabaret Dance Hall.

Mr. F. A. Perry and B. A. T. Co., Outdoor Staff, for distributing and posting of posters.

Messrs. Kelly and Walsh and The South China Morning Post for special printing rates.

The South China Morning Post, The Hongkong Daily Press, The Hongkong Telegraph and The China Mail, for advertising at half rates.

Messrs. Pathe Freres for free use of Cinematograph.

The Telephone Company for use of Public Telephones and contribution of proceeds.

Mr. W. A. Dowley for proceeds of two dances held at the Cabaret Dance Hall, subsequent to St. Andrew's Day.

The Hongkong Electric Company for illuminated display.

The Hongkong Electric and Gas Companies for distributing leaflets.

The Hongkong Tramway for decorated cars and displaying posters.

The Ferry and Peak Tramway Company for displaying posters and the latter also for postponing regrading operations.

Cafe Wiseman for refreshments supplied free on Cricket Ground and proceeds of Dinner and Dance.

The Boy Scouts and Stores who sold programmes.

Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd., Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., and Messrs. Tak Cheong & Co., for Window Display of Prizes.

St. George's Society for contributing valuable prizes to the auction.

Victoria Theatre for proceeds of performance.

Many leading Chinese gentlemen for valuable monetary contributions, Messrs. R. Gaujoir and U. Gonnella, for artistic work done.

For Pictures put up for auction by the following:—Hon. Mr. Percy Holyoak, Mr. W. Webb, Mr. J. Fasse, Mrs. J. S. Thomson and Lieut. Milington. Mr. L. E. S. Hodge for proceeds of Motor Cycle Raffle.

The Hongkong Small Arms and Ammunition Co. for use of Rifles, and the following, and others who were of the greatest assistance in many ways:—The War Charities Committee, Mr. George Lammett, The Hongkong Hotel, Wm. Powell Ltd., Lane Crawford & Co., Dairy Farm & Co., Wiseman Ltd., Graeco-Egyptian Tobacco Store, Hongkong Cigar Store, Anglo-Egyptian Tobacco Store, S. Moutrie & Co., Robinson Piano Co., Anderson Music Co., A. S. Watson & Co., Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co., Alex. Ross & Co., Sheehan Tones & Co., Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., MacIntosh & Co., Cricket Club

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A feature of Heather Day was the Motor Car Procession and the Committee desires to thank those who gave prizes, and all who entered cars. It is also desired to thank the following outposts for their generous response to the Society's appeal, viz:—

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RUSSIANS IN HONGKONG.

Passing through the Colony are a number of Russian Military officers who have come from Persia. There they were some months ago under the command of General Baratov, a famous Russian military leader who, it may be remembered, did such splendid work in Persia for the Allied cause. Upon his forces breaking up, due to the trouble in Russia, some of them joined the British forces. The Russian Consul informs the "China Mail" that they are on their way to Vladivostok for the purpose of joining the Royalist party there. They have with them several Russian families and some Sisters of Mercy.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY and MONDAY, February 1 and 2.

By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 31, 1919.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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By Order, LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Secretaries.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1919.

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It is stated that the N.D.L. "Dagmar" has been raised at Koh Phru and successfully beached says the "Bangkok Times." She had as part of her cargo several hundred tons of rails for the State Railways. These were located in the holds at the aft end of the ship and owing to the depth of water added to the difficulties attendant on raising the vessel. The "Dagmar" went on shore some years ago.

SHIPBUILDING AT NAGASAKI.

It is reported, says the "Nagasaki Press," that five large steamers are being constructed at the Mitsubishi Zosen Kaisha's Nagasaki works for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha. One is of 3,700 tons and the other four of 10,000 tons each, and of the same class as previous steamers of the same tonnage built for the O.S.K. The last-mentioned vessel will, we understand, be completed in March next, and toward this others are to be ready for launch in November. These vessels are being constructed of material produced at the Mitsubishi foundry in Korea. Progress on the two remaining steamers will, however, greatly depend on the arrival of material from the United States.

SHIPPING CASE.

The appeal in the case of the owners of s.s. "Malta" v. owners of s.s. "Kaga Maru" was concluded on November 27, before the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Duke, and Mr. Justice Eve, sitting with Adm. Sir Francis Russell, C.B., and Captain C. K. Wright, Elder Brethren of Trinity House. It was an appeal by the owners of the Japanese steamship "Kaga Maru" from a claim and counter-claim arising out of a collision between her and the Greek steamship "Malta" in the Downs on February 15, 1917. By the judgment, pronounced of the "Kaga Maru" was held to be alone to blame, and the plea of compulsory pilotage negatived. That judgment was upheld, the Master of the Rolls stating that the evidence established quite clearly that the "Kaga Maru's" master and crew kept an insufficient lookout, and that that did, in fact, contribute to the collision. The Lords Justices concurred.

SHIPBUILDING PROGRESS IN FRANCE.

A few weeks ago, the French Chamber of Deputies discussed the Bill ratifying the decree regarding the requisitioning of merchant ships. M. Bousson, Commissioner of Transport, explained the Government's programme, asking for credits of 2,000,000,000 francs (\$30,000,000), for the construction over a period of five years of 3,000,000 tons of shipping, fitted with refrigerating installation. M. Tardieu, the French High Commissioner at Washington, referring to the measures of the United States Government in order to increase transport facilities, recalled the efforts made by America with the merchant fleet at her disposal. All her energies, he said, were strained for war. Later on other nations will not have the preference over France. One hundred thousand tons of shipping have been promised to us.

Replying to the criticism that he had failed to obtain a signed agreement with America, M. Tardieu said that there was no need of a signed agreement to obtain her financial assistance. Hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping and an army of 2,000,000 men were obtained. These valuable results did not follow a policy of quibbling red tape and suspicion. M. Tardieu, in conclusion, paid a glowing tribute to the assistance of America.

M. Clement, Minister of Commerce, thanked M. Tardieu and M. Bousson for their work, and warmly praised the British Government for its support of France, expressing the gratitude of France for the agreement by which Great Britain allotted 750,000 tons of shipping to France. "We prefer," M. Clement continued, "a policy of confidence, mutual warmth and friendly conversations" to one of insistent demands.

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TWO POLICE RESERVISTS IMPRISONED.

Henrique d'Aquino and Jose Portaria, members of the Police Reserve, were sentenced yesterday to three months' imprisonment for a "squeeze" in the terms of the charge, but looked like it. Demanding money with threats with intent to steal was the charge.

Mr. Melbourne heard the case. Sergeant C. Willis prosecuted, and Mr. F. X. d'Almada defended. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P.R. watched on behalf of the Police Reserve.

Chan Kam, charged with them, was not defended. The story briefly is that the men went to a woman in Sai Street and threatened to charge her with keeping an illicit brothel unless she gave them \$30. Portaria and d'Aquino were then Police uniform.

Sergeant Willis told how an anonymous letter put him on the scent. After enquiries, he detained a man called Li Wing. This man made a statement implicating Ah Yung (d'Aquino's Chinese name) and three others.

Mr. d'Almada objected to this. A statement so made, without witnesses, and under duress, was valueless.

Later on, said Sergt. Willis, he invited d'Aquino to join him in a raid, and asked him to bring along another Police Reservist. d'Aquino took him to Portaria's house, and when the two were together, witness told them of the accusation against them. Portaria admitted guilty knowledge; said he was not the only man in it. He implicated Li Wing (the informer) and Ah To, who took the money.

At the Police Station, Chan Kam, the third accused, admitted the offence. Two women, afterwards picked out the three defendants from identification parades.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada, Sergt. Willis said it was true that the first defendant had reported this very house as a sly brothel once before he was arrested. Witness told him to search and bring evidence.

As the defendants had told they had previously frequented this house, and that the inmates knew them, why those identification parades?—in fairness to the defendants.

I call that a farce. They had told you the women knew them.

Mr. d'Almada, addressing the magistrate, pointed out that at the time and date mentioned by the woman, d'Aquino was with Inspector A. E. Alves, P.R., arranging about police duties. Portaria also had an alibi. He was with his cousin Joseph Yee Chok Wa.

Inspector Alves deposed that at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31 d'Aquino came to him and asked permission for a substitute to take his duty at nine that night. He said he had "something on."

Sergt. Joao Conde Barreir, also of the Reserve, deposed to being with d'Aquino from 3.45 to 4 p.m. that day.

d'Aquino himself gave evidence to this effect, and said that after leaving them, he went to the Reserve Headquarters Club to wish the D.S.P.R. a happy New Year. He did not go to the sly brothel, a place he knew well. Yee Koo was the mistress there. Lai Yee, the complainant, was only a servant there.

Sergt. Willis: How comes it that you know the mistress so well?—Li Wing introduced me.

As a Police Reservist, don't you know that you had no right to go to such a place?—If you had not told me to go, I would not.

Mr. d'Almada: He went on your advice.

Sergt. Willis: That is not true, your Worship. (To accused), I'm told you often go to that house to smoke opium. No, I am not an opium smoker.

Portaria now testified. He was with his cousin, newly from Singapore, from 4 o'clock to 9 that night, after which they went to the cinema. He wasn't at the brothel during those hours, though he had been there on previous occasions. He had taken meals there.

Cross-examined: Although a Police Reservist, he knew no regulation which forbade him to visit such places. He took Sergt. Willis there to find the man Ah To, who lived there. He denied the truth of the Sergeant's statements concerning him.

Portaria's cousin corroborated the alibi part of his statement.

Sergt. Willis: Anybody speak to you before you came into Court?—Only the lawyer.

Who asked you to come and speak for the defendant?—Portaria's mother.

What did she tell you to say?—Mr. d'Almada: To tell the truth.

Witness (like an echo): To tell the truth. (Laughter).

Sergt. Willis protested at this prompting.

Mr. d'Almada said he had only told witness to tell the truth.

Chan Kam, the third accused, also had an alibi. He said he was with Mr. Thomas at Hung Hom until 8 p.m. that day, and at Wanchai with him for the rest of the evening. He told the Magistrate he was a piece-goods broker, and knew the other accused only by sight.

Mr. d'Almada: Would your Worship like to hear Mr. Thomas?

FOOTBALL.

NO 1ST. LEAGUE GAMES TO-MORROW.

There should have been two first league games to-morrow, but for the second time during the current season a Saturday will pass without any 1st league matches being played. The Club are unable to field a team against the Navy owing to injuries, while the R.G.A. are unable to raise a team as three of their men are playing cricket, while another was hurt against the Club last Saturday, and is now in hospital.

The second division games will be interesting. Two R.G.A. teams meet on the Navy ground, the 88th and 83rd Companies. Kowloon have a chance of gaining more points in their match with the 87th Co. R.G.A. As expected South China Athletic Reserves are not playing, and in their place Staff and Departments appear as the opponents of the Navy Reserves. As a result of this match the Staff ought to gain the two points and take up second position in the league table.

Matches to be played, with particulars of venue, referees, etc., and some of the selected teams, follow:

2ND DIVISION, HONGKONG LEAGUE.

87th Co. R.G.A. v. Kowloon. On the Military ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Emery.

88th Co. R.G.A. v. 83rd Co. R.G.A. On the Navy ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Corp. Townsend, R. E.

Staff and Departments v. Royal Navy Res. On the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Co. Sergt. Major Pragnell, R.G.A.

-MONDAY'S MATCH.

On Monday a match has been fixed up between the R.G.A. and Royal Engineers in connection with the United Services League. Both teams will be free of cricket and will be able to field full football strength. Monday being a holiday this game will provide an hour's entertainment for those who go to see football matches. Venue, etc., as follows:

Royal Engineers v. R.G.A. On the Navy ground at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Tucker.

Teams—

Royal Engineers—Heath, Blumfield, Lawrence, Smith, Charters, White, Connell, Millard, Jarvis, Townsend, Pascal.

R.G.A.—Taylor, Torr, Sharman, Bell, Talfourd, Wordley, McGregor, Johnson, Green, Middleton, Morris.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Civil Service v. R.G.A. On the Civil Service ground at 2 p.m.

University v. Kowloon. On the University ground at 2.15 p.m.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

Craigengower v. H.K. Police. On the Craigengower ground at 2.15 p.m.

Selected teams—

R.G.A.—Lieut. A. R. Sutherland, Lieut. A. O. Colman, Lieut. H. Torr, Sergeant's Graham, Talfourd, Athorne, and Drummond, Corp. Mann, Bomb. Sharman, Bomb. MacDowall and Gunner Bajnes.

University—A. H. Rumjahn, P. A. Ponsonby, F. A. Redmond, J. D. Wright, W. C. G. K. S. Lim, D. K. Sam, M. P. Choa, T. L. Ched, R. A. Basto, and G. E. Marley.

K. C. C.—J. P. Robinson, (Captain) L. J. Blackburn, H. Overy, D. M. Goodall, R. J. Edwards, K. R. Macaskill, C. P. James, C. J. Stapleton, H. H. Taylor, J. H. Mead and R. Festonji.

MONDAY'S MATCHES.

H.K.C.C. v. Mr. Ponsonby Fane's XI. On the H.K.C.C. ground at 10 a.m.

C.R.C. v. I.R.C. On the C.R.C. ground at 2 p.m.

Selected Teams—

H.K.C.C.—T. E. Pearce, (Captain), Lt. Col. Coles, F. J. de Rome, D. E. Donnelly, Capt. E. H. Gray, E. W. Hamilton, P. Jacks, Capt. H. E. Murray, Asst. Paym. Robinson, F. Sutton, and R. P. Thurstield.

I.R.C.—D. Rumjahn, (Captain), J. D. Noria, M. H. Abbas, A. el Arcull, G. Partabai, G. C. Eardie, S. D. Ismail, N. M. Bux, A. A. Rumjahn and S. H. Ismail.

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Sergt. Willis: He is at present in jail, for a similar offence.

The Magistrate convicted: Evidence of a previous conviction against Portaria was given. All three accused were sentenced to three months' hard labour.

FACTS FROM SIBERIA.

Vladivostok, Jan. 4.

The following letter from Major-General Sir C. H. Powell, Commissioner, British Red Cross, Siberia, to Major-General Ventris, has reached the "China Mail" for publication. Sir—Now that I have been some little time in Vladivostok I have learnt to some extent—though only limited—what the position of affairs is in Siberia as regards Hospital work generally. I have found it extremely difficult to ascertain the true position in detail, and it is just these details which are so necessary in order to organize the work for the British Red Cross on sound and practical lines.

2.—I gather that there are some 200,000 Russian Troops being raised under the authority of the new Omsk Government, and which are being trained more or less under the supervision of General Knox, Head of the British Mission, and who are scattered in various towns in West Siberia. These all need medical attendance.

3.—Then there are also some 50,000 of our gallant Allies the Czechs, who have done so much for Russia and the Allies by saving the Railway and Siberia from the brutal ravages of Hun and Bolsheviks. These are also in great need of medical assistance, supplies, and so forth, and my own heart goes out to these brave Patriots, and I feel that we cannot do enough for them. They are still showing a bold front to the Bolsheviks.

4.—Then again, there are Cam's of German and Austrian prisoners of war, distributed throughout Siberia, and whose condition is pretty awful, judging by reports: famished, under-clothed, wretchedly housed, covered with vermin, and so forth. These people are being specially attended by their own particular sympathisers—the Swedes, who have a representative of their Red Cross out here.

5.—Lastly there is the Civil Population, who are also suffering considerably from hunger, want of clothing, medical necessities, etc. Owing to their debilitated condition and the filthy condition under which the Russian habitually lives, typhus has broken out in many a city along the Railway, and the medical opinion is that this disease will spread as the season advances, and will be followed by other epidemics.

6.—There are Hospitals of sorts in all the chief towns along the Railway, and there are presumably doctors and surgeons in attendance. There are also a number of Hospital Trains, some operated by Russians, others by Czechs. The one cry throughout Siberia is, however, for Hospital supplies and medical equipment generally, as also for warm clothing.

7.—This, then, is briefly the situation in Siberia from the point of view which interests me as Commissioner for the British Red Cross, and it behoves me to calculate how best we can utilize the resources at our disposal, in order to deal with the colossal medical work which requires to be done, and it is only a fraction which it will be possible to do.

8.—I shall shortly have at my disposal—

(a)—A Russian Unit consisting of 5 Russian Doctors and 25 Russian Nurses. These were mobilized in London and Paris, and are now on their way to Vladivostok, via Canada. This Unit is being financed by the British Red Cross and will consequently come under my charge. I shall utilize this unit to serve the needs of the newly formed Russian Troops in the West.

(b)—I am arranging to take over a Czech Hospital, Train and possibly a Russian one as well, and running these under the British Red Cross Flag. These trains should be very useful in giving us the mobility we need in evacuating wounded and sick from the front to Base Hospitals in rear.

(c)—I shall shortly have 3 Canadian Doctors and 4 English Nurses, also a Dentist and his staff, headed by Miss. Sherif-MacGregor, my Matron-in-Chief, the capable lady who was in Roumania with the British Red Cross, and through that unhappy retreat.

9.—This Staff, to commence with, will be operating on a small train which I am getting together in Vladivostok, and on which we shall proceed to Western Siberia as soon as possible. On this train we carry with us the equipment for the 100 Bed Hospital which has been so generously supplied by the Shanghai Community; also a 200 Bed Hospital now being collected in Japan, together with all the numerous stores of warm clothing, etc. which have showered upon us from every British Community in China, and in Japan and in the Straits Settlements.

10.—On behalf of the British Red Cross I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude for the great work which the ladies in China and Japan have contributed throughout the war to the needs of the British and Allied Soldiers; and I would urge that there be no relaxation to these efforts so long as the British Government decides to assist the Russians in their effort to re-establish a solid and honourable Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) C. H. POWELL.

Also the following from Assistant Commissioner, Ralphs:

VLADIVOSTOK.

8th January 1919.

SUPPLIES FOR BRITISH TROOPS IN SIBERIA.

On arrival, I lost no time in getting into touch with those concerned with Red Cross work, Dr. Carthew, attached to the British Political Mission, who was acting also as M. O. to the Middlesex and Manchester Regiments, and who had a small ward of six or eight beds at the Middlesex Headquarters; also the heads of the American Red Cross who have given me every assistance possible, in addition to providing me with quarters, almost impossible to obtain in Vladivostok. I consulted Dr. Carthew and Captain Sharples, O.C. of the Middlesex and Manchester Regiments now in Vladivostok, and also spoke to various officers and some of the men. As a result I came to the conclusion that our troops both in Vladivostok and in the interior are amply supplied with warm clothing, their ordinary outfit having been augmented by issues made by the Canadians, with the exception of Sweaters, Woolen Gloves, Mufflers, Long Stockings, Socks and Cholesterol Belts; "Small Comforts" for which there appears to be great need, are Handkerchiefs, Vaseline, Leather Boot Laces, Shaving Soap, Shaving Brushes, Toothbrushes, Tooth paste, Writing Pads, Envelopes, Pencils, Pipes, Tobacco, Cigarettes, Matches, Indoor Games, and Literature.

I then consulted Mr. Altman (Managing Director) of Messrs. Denny, Mott and Dickson, Chairman of the Vladivostok Patriotic League, with regard to requirements of our troops, and found that the list he had prepared as a result of some weeks experience and frequent enquiry coincided almost exactly with that drawn up by me after quite an independent investigation. I visited H.M.S. Suffolk, and was informed by Commodore Payne that nothing whatever was required for his men.

As Sweaters were urgently required for our men in the interior, I stated the case to the Officers of the American Red Cross, who immediately handed over to us 1,000 Sweaters; 800 were sent off at once by train (10th November), the remainder being retained for our men in Vladivostok.

On the 10th November I telegraphed to Hongkong and Shanghai a list of requirements as detailed above, together with an appeal for "warm clothing and boots old or new for adults and children." Such supplies are urgently required for refugees, who are at present being dealt with by the American Red Cross. To Shanghai, also, I telegraphed the message "Motor car indispensable; second hand Ford adequate." The necessity for having a car was urged upon me by the American Red Cross, and I quickly found the reasonableness of the advice. The Vladivostok Patriotic League in its Report asks for "at least one motor car."

Up to the time of my arrival supplies sent from Hongkong were consigned to the British Army Ordnance Officer, and were distributed by him as required.

Supplies sent from Japan, Shanghai, Manila, etc., have for the most part been received and distributed by the Vladivostok Patriotic League. The League is well organized on business lines and has done much useful work. The Secretary's Report upon the League gives a full account of its activities to me. After enquiry, it seemed to me evident that the League should in future receive all goods intended for the relief of British Troops, and that the distribution of such stores should be left entirely to the League. A central organization is thus provided to which all requests for assistance should be sent, and which will deal with such appeals. The League keeps a careful record of all goods received and distributed, and the possibility of overlapping—almost certain to occur where the work is not centralized—is obviated. This arrangement being adopted I recommend all Relief and Work Associations interesting themselves in the British Troops in Siberia to forward their contributions to the Hon. Sec. Vladivostok, British Patriotic League. The Secretary will at intervals notify the various centres as to requirements, which may vary from time to time.

The great difficulty is that of transport but improvements are being made in this respect. Shanghai has presented a motor car, and a motor lorry which has been ordered by the British Red Cross will also be available.

The League is working in close co-operation with the British Red Cross, and is doing very useful work in deed, and is deserving of the fullest support.

(Sd.) E. RALPHS.

Asst. Commr. B.R.C.

APPEAL FOR WORKBAGS FOR SIBERIA.

In answer to an urgent appeal from Vladivostok, Mrs. Stabb asked the ladies present at the meeting yesterday at Government House, kindly presided over by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, to give towards a fund for supplying

JAPANESE STEEL AND IRON MERCHANTS.

The iron and steel market in Japan, which suffered a severe blow owing to the conclusion of the armistice, has become increasingly unfavourable in view of the modification or removal of export embargoes in the United States, Great Britain, and other countries. Pig-iron is now quoted at ¥200 and bar iron at ¥150, against ¥450 and ¥400 quoted some time ago respectively. A further decline is considered inevitable, and it is believed that if outstanding transactions were closed at current prices there would be produced many cases of bankruptcy among the merchants concerned. They are accordingly trying hard to find a way out of the difficulty. Their opinion is said to be that the only effective means is prohibition of, or at least restrictions on the import of pig iron, bars, and other iron and steel goods which are now produced in sufficient quantity in this country to meet the domestic demand. In their view the Government would be egregiously mistaken and would be going back upon its avowed policy of encouraging the iron industry if it stood aside and gave no helping hand to the merchants in distress. It is expected that they will memorialise the Government asking it to take the desired measure. At the same time it is reported that Mr. Tsuda Katsuro and other prominent iron merchants in Osaka are trying to devise means of effecting their own relief. It seems that they intend to establish a joint-stock company with a capital of ¥20,000,000, and by way of contributing the capital the merchants will deliver their holdings assessed at suitable prices to the company. In addition, the leading merchants will subscribe cash to the capital. It is said that the proposed company will take steps to assist individual merchants in distress, and will eventually engage in the importation of iron and steel on a large scale. Negotiations regarding this proposal are still under progress among the merchants interested.

NEWS FROM HOME.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

(Continued from Yesterday.)

London, November 20.

The only one that can lay any claim to democratic feeling fails to achieve that result with dignity. This is the ex-King Ludwig of Bavaria, who has been allowed to remain in his country and make himself at home as a private citizen. Even before his accession he belonged to the Altorf Club—similar to our Savage Club—and there met the leading Munich artists. He used to foregather frequently with the comic cartoonists and the revolutionary Kurt Eisner and insisted on being treated without ceremony, smoking his pipe and playing cards and billiards with any member who came his way. The strict levee used to call him "mud" on this account, but in those perilous days for kings that democratic touch is saving his skin a good deal of peril.

The most unanimous wish in this country and in France, at any rate, is that the Kaiser should be taken out of Holland and punished. The difficulty is to find a punishment that will really fit the magnitude of the crime. Hanging would be too good for him; the most used phrase in the world today.

A TRIBUTE FROM THE ENEMY.

The tribute of the German officers who have been meekly handing over their fleet to England as to the discipline and correctness of our own navy cannot be reciprocated, for the men and ships we have received have both been dirty and neglected. Now come the "Cologne Gazette" to lay its offering at the shrine of our Intelligence Department. Referring to a naval action planned for the end of October that paper says it was an operation that "had been kept absolutely secret, because experience has shown that England was in possession of Germany's naval intentions within seven to ten hours."

This will cause the eyes of the head of the Intelligence Department, of the British Admiralty, Admiral Hall, to twinkle. He is a well-known figure in the service and is familiarly known therein as "Blinker." Naturally the operations of his department must remain a sealed book, in spite of the relaxation of the censorship; but it is no exaggeration to say that there has been no higher skilled organization operating during the war than this.

THE CENSORSHIP.

We are shaking off the shackles of war regulations. Already the Naval Censorship has gone, and the military censorship is to follow. But for the present it is necessary to supervise telegrams, for the past few weeks have revealed amazing activities. The real work of the censorship is to show the nerve centres of intrigues, for commerce and otherwise. All this information is docketed and filed. You would be surprised to see the names on some of those index cards. Also you would have been surprised could you have overlooked the cables since the armistice was signed and have seen the numerous references to German agents and to the China trade.

The Hidden Hand is busy just now, and international finance will play a big part in the preliminaries of the Peace Conference. International Finance is mostly controlled

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As to the Peace Conference, the artful wirepullers who still remain in control in Berlin, in spite of the nominal change of Government, are sedulously working to stir up points that will cause friction between the Allies. I think it was Castlereagh who said it was far easier to conduct a campaign than a conference. Already there are matters cropping up that will take all the state craft of the Allies to adjust without irritation.

AN ALLIED BUREAU OF COMMERCE.

If we can retain unity to the full measure dreamed of by our optimists we should be happy hereafter, and our inter-Allied trading should be pleasant and profitable. There is a scheme under consideration, for example, for the creation in London of a bureau of finance and commerce, on the controlling body of which the principal Allied nations will be represented. The communications that have passed already show support for it in London, Paris, Rome and New York, and it is claimed for the proposal that there would be general benefit if such a scheme were put into active operation.

KIPLING AS WAR HISTORIAN.

Rudyard Kipling has agreed to write the regimental history of the Irish Guards in the war, and in an introductory chapter he will trace the previous history of the regiment. The officers are uncommonly pleased over this.

Already Col. John Buchan, whose history of the war has been so great a success, is issuing the record of the Scottish regiments in the fighting. The writer is well-fitted for the task—and what a task it is to describe the doctory deeds of regiments that have been foremost in every battle in which they have been engaged!

THE ELECTION.

Politics are in a queer state just now. Labour has taken up some map who never did a day's work in their lives. Liberals and Conservatives are acting together in some places and fighting in others. Half a dozen small and curious organisations are making a struggling start for recognition. And above it all Mr. Lloyd George contrives to keep his prominence. How he stands may be best illustrated by two remarks. One was made by a Conservative after he had addressed that party by letter. "Oh," said the Conservative, "he has become one of us, and will be a member of the Carlton Club within a year." A little later a Liberal remarked in the Lobby, after hearing him speak: "Thank goodness he has shown so clearly he remains one of us." So there you are—you take your choice. Perhaps there is something, after all, in Mr. Asquith's motto, "Wait and see."

STRAIGHT AT IT.

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